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# *The* **NRT Report**

*Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield Newsletter*

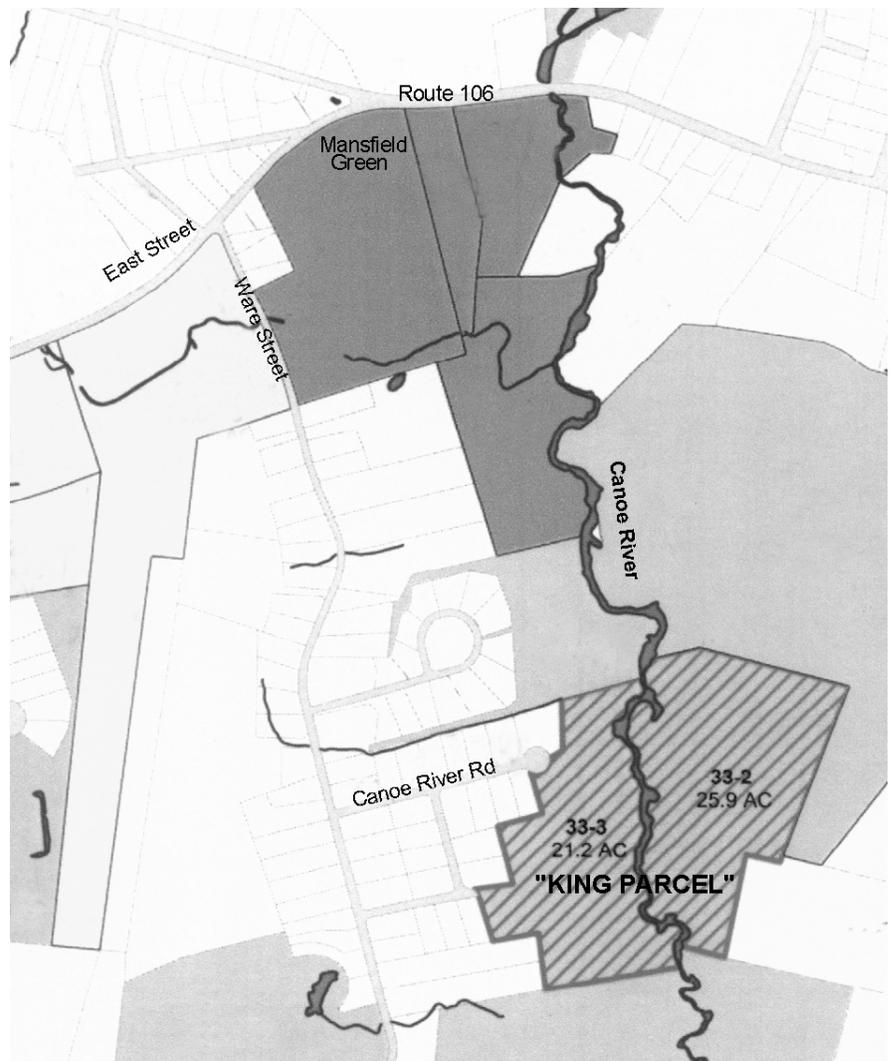
## Support Article 21 at Special Town Meeting

The Conservation Commission, with the support of the Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield, is sponsoring Article 21 at the September 30, 2003 Town Meeting to purchase 47 acres of land on the Canoe River. The parcel has 3400 feet of frontage on the river and is approximately sixty percent upland and forty percent wetland. The land is an invaluable acquisition in our objective of protecting the public water supply, the creation of a green belt the length of the Canoe River, and will provide a passive recreation area.

The purchase will cost \$250,000 and will be bought with Self Help grant reimbursement money the town received for last year's purchase of the Sweet land off Mill Street. This grant money can only be spent on Conservation Land. We will apply for a Self Help grant from the state Department of Conservation Services at the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for this acquisition and hope to get sixty percent reimbursement for this purchase.

It is critical that you attend to town meeting on **September 30, 2003 at 7 PM** and vote for this article. The Purchase and sale Agreement on the property has a deadline of December 18, 2003. After that date it may be sold to other interested parties.

The signing of the P&S received unanimous votes from the Conservation Commission and The Board of Directors of the NRT and was signed by all of the Selectmen.



Leonard F. Flynn  
Acquisitions Director

King Parcel 47 acres along the Canoe River



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future generations"

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Upcoming Events:

### Special Town Meeting

September 30th-  
7 P.M.

Mansfield High School  
Auditorium

**WE NEED YOUR  
VOTE  
PLEASE ATTEND!**



## Vote Yes on Article 21 (see article inside)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to acquire approximately 49 acres more or less, located at the east side of Deep Run Road and Canoe River Drive, with said land being located on both the east and west sides of the Canoe River and referenced as Assessor's Map 33, Parcels 2 and 3 and, to allow for this acquisition utilizing available land acquisition funds of \$250,000 for this purchase. Further, said land shall be used for conservation and similar passive recreation purposes, and that the land shall be administered, controlled, and maintained by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C. The Conservation Commission and the Town of Mansfield are further

authorized to seek any available grant funds, including those under the Self-Help Act [chapter 132A, Section 11] and the Town and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as necessary on behalf of the Town of Mansfield to affect said purchase, and the Conservation Commission and the Town of Mansfield are authorized to grant a Conservation Restriction to the Natural Resources Trust of Mansfield. Any grant monies received, as a reimbursement for this acquisition, shall be placed into the Land Acquisition Fund of the Conservation Commission for future acquisition projects, or take any action in relation thereto.